Kuttanad floods.

52. MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation that an enquiry be made in regard to the floods in Kuttanad; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under investigation.

Agricultural indebtedness in the State.

53. MR. M. N. NARAYANA MENON: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the aggregate indebtedness of the Travancore ryots; and

(*b*) whether their debts are on the increase or decrease?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*a*) The total rural debt of the whole State as per the Banking Enquiry Committee's report is somewhere about Rs. 25 crores and according to the 1931 Census Report, about Rs. 20 crores.

(*b*) There is no information regarding this.

Contracts regarding the State Railway.

54. MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of the various contracts entered into with the Secretary of State regarding the South Indian Railway (Travancore Section)?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: The member is referred to the replies given to interpellation No. 57 and supplementary questions thereto in the Council on 26-8-1933.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice of an adjournment motion from Mr. John Kattakayam. It reads thus:

> "I beg to move the adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely the urgent necessity for the immediate correction of statistics regarding rubber production which, as at present prepared, are wrong and prejudicially affect Travancore's interest in her quota under the Rubber Restriction Scheme."

I have first to enquire whether there is any objection to the motion being taken up.

No objection was raised.

PRESIDENT: The Chair allows it, and fixes 3-30 P. M. to-day for the discussion.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: Under the Rules, the President has first to read the draft amendment and ask whether the member has the leave of the House.

PRESIDENT: Thank you very much.

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